

Application No.: 09/422,998

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REMARKS**I. APPLICANT'S RECORD UNDER M.P.E.P. § 713.04 OF INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

The Examiner, Hung Pham, called Applicant's attorney June 3, 2004, and the following is Applicant's record of such teleconference. The following persons participated in the interview: Examiner Hung Q. Pham and Applicant's attorney, Jody Bishop. The Examiner indicated that the claims were allowable over the art of record, and the rejections raised in the previous Office Action (mailed January 7, 2004) are withdrawn. The Examiner requested, however, that claim 1 be amended to explicitly recite that the claimed method is a "computer method" and that the recited "reporting application" includes computer-executable software code. No reason was given for requesting this amendment to claim 1. That is, the Examiner did not advance a rejection (e.g., under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 112, 102, 103, or any other patent laws of the United States), objection, or any other reason why the requested amendment should be made. No agreement was reached, as Applicant's attorney requested time to consider the requested amendment.

II. AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1

To advance prosecution of this application, Applicant presents herein the amendment to claim 1 as requested by the Examiner in the above-described teleconference. More particularly, claim 1 is amended to explicitly recite a "computer method". Claim 1 is also amended to explicitly recite "a reporting application, which includes computer-executable software code stored to a computer-readable medium" (the added language shown underlined). Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of claim 1 in any manner, and these amendments are not made for purposes of patentability (e.g., as described in the above record of the Examiner interview, the outstanding rejections were indicated as withdrawn and no further rejection, objection, or any other reason was advanced by the Examiner for the requested amendment). Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to claim 1 merely makes explicit what was implicit in claim 1 (i.e., that the recited "reporting application" includes computer-executable software code).

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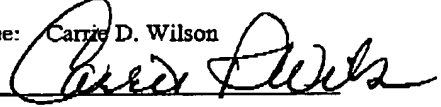
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10990763-2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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